





intervals. The position of the ladies and children exposed to the elements was very trying. Arrangements are being made to provide temporary shelter, but very difficult circumstances do not know the extent of the destruction, but judging from the severity of the shock here I fear it must be widespread.

Another later telegram states: "No news yet from Syri or Cachar. The devastation on the Cherrapuri Hills was very great. The Company Gang Railways was destroyed. I fear the loss of life must be enormous at the coal mines. Two men and a woman to Shillong. Mr. Keen, a steamer, Star of India, was killed by the falling of his house. Gwahatii and Chalapata have been wrecked. The loss of life was very small. No news yet from Dhubri. The earthquake was felt at Tengura and Mungodde, but apparently it was less severe. No news yet from Upper Assam. River communications are open and steamer are running. The road to Gwahatii is now open. Some telegraphic disturbances are still imminent. Last night they were severe. Details follow by letter."

Another telegram states: "In continuation of this morning's wire, Mr. Strachey, Agent of the Railway, who went out to Cherrapuri and has just returned, gives the worst possible account of that place. Whole villages have fallen down the side of the hill. Cherrapuri was submerged, but many saved themselves. On limestone hills, now half buried, have arrived the凄惨的 (pitiful) Engineers at Syri, that the town has been leveled with the ground and the existence of villages is reported. Great destruction of food supplies is inevitable. I anticipate severe scarcity throughout Sylhet. I would get, if possible, for the immediate distribution of additional Engineers and Civil officers to assist the Agent. Whether other parts of Eastern Assam are as bad I cannot say, but Syri undoubtedly needs help, which in my present condition I cannot supply. Dibrugarh is said to be unharmed."

Calcutta, 17th June.

The earthquake was felt throughout Assam on Saturday evening, lasting three minutes. The Cuttack, Club and Church at Shillong have been severely cracked and damaged, as also several bungalows, which had their furniture upset. At Mungodde several jungles were down; the Tengura was split in two, the earth one end and watered to several feet. At Gwahatii all the stone buildings were leveled, but no lives were lost. The residents spent the night on the Mail Steamer. The roads are fissured for miles, the railway has disappeared, and telegraphic communication has been stopped. At Sualkuchi the bank has subsided, and several huts have been destroyed. At Dhubri the bridge was destroyed, and 100 lives were lost. The earth is fissured, and the country is covered with mud and sand. The Telegraph office, Cuttack and all public buildings were destroyed, and the natives have fled. At Dhubri the pucca buildings were destroyed, telegraphic communication has been stopped and roads are fissured. Some lives have been lost among the natives. The bridge at Dhubri has been washed away, and the banks of the Brahmaputra causing great damage to the crops. At Jartapore the Railway to the Teesta is broken; telegraphic communication has been stopped, and no mails can proceed either way. The river banks are fissured up to Jartapore, but there has been little damage otherwise. There was heavy rain during the morning of the 13th and 14th, and the shocks continued for 24 hours. The natives compute the duration of shocks of two or three minutes. Standing upright was impossible while the earthquake lasted.

At Shillong repeated and terrible earth quakes took place on Saturday afternoon at 3.30 p.m. All the public and private buildings were totally destroyed. Two and death took place, namely, that of Mr. R. B. McCabe, Inspector-General of Police, and Mr. R. R. Colvin, in the Civil Service. There has been no further news of European lives. The native loss of life has not yet been ascertained. Government House, the Church and Mass House have been leveled to the ground. The inhabitants have been accommodated in tents and the native markets. Slight shocks continue, but further disasters are not anticipated. Torrents of rain aggravate the disasters of the shock, cutting off all communication. The road is half buried. The Gurkha Regiment stationed at Shillong rendered splendid service.

Yesterday's heavy rain did harm all over Calcutta, bringing down shattered and dilapidated buildings, which overthrew the streets, causing further injury to property that had almost escaped the original disaster.

Calcutta, 21st June.

Columns appear in the local papers giving details of the damage in the Manipur as the communications are being restored. Nothing much has been heard of the severe damage in Northern Bengal, Assam, and Cachar, the shocks continue. The mortality in the Charra hills is estimated at from four to six thousand, but no details are available. The Queen has wired her deep regret and sympathy. It is thought that the damage to the Government offices may largely exceed a crore of rupees. The losses to landlords and private property are also very heavy. The loss of life in Calcutta to offices and government causes much inconvenience to business. The National Bank are amongst those that have removed.

#### SHIPPING REPORTS

The British steamer *Chingpo*, from Liverpool and Singapore, 20th June, had strong S.W. monsoon winds, and was making 10 M. the most variable winds and rains. The British steamer *Hector*, from Fowey 1st July, Anoy 2nd, and Swatow 4th, experienced moderate N.E. breeze and smooth sea to Amoy. From Amoy to Swatow experienced strong N.E. squalls and light rain. From Swatow to port heavy N.E. gale and rain, weather very bad. Callao 10th, and after General C. (Ober) in Amoy. Ste. Soto, Enderbury, C. (Ober) merchant; and New York. In Swatow—Ste. Kengtung and Chinkiang.

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Hongkong, 1st July, 1897. [1493]

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Hongkong, 1st July, 1897. [1493]

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Hongkong, 5th July, 1897. [1538]

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FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

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having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered free alongside.

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For further information as to Passage and Freight apply to SANDER & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 30th June, 1897. [1538]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOB SWATOW, AMOY, AND POOCHOW.

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Captain Beach, will be despatched for the above Port TO-DAY, the 6th inst. at Noon.

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Hongkong, 5th July, 1897. [1538]

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Hongkong, 30th June, 1897. [1492]

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